

a' molecule either entrapped within the interior of an HBsAg particle or exposed or present at the surface of an HBsAg particle.

3(Once-amended). The method of claim 1, wherein said CTL response is enhanced relative to that produced by the antigenic molecule alone.

a² 4(Once-amended). The method of claim 1, wherein said antigenic molecule, when administered without said HBsAg particle, is substantially ineffective in producing a CTL response in said subject.

10(Once-amended). The method of claim 8, wherein said immunostimulating molecule is an immunostimulatory oligonucleotide.

a³ 11(Once-amended). A method of stimulating or modulating a CTL response to HBsAg in a mammalian subject, comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of a composition comprising an immunostimulating molecule either entrapped within the interior of an HBsAg particle or exposed or present at the surface of an HBsAg particle.

a⁴ 13(Once-amended). The method of claim 11, wherein said subject is a nonresponder at the CTL level when administered HBsAg particles without said immunostimulating molecule.

16(Once-amended). The method of claim 11, wherein said immunostimulating molecule is an immunostimulatory oligonucleotide.

Q⁵ 17(Once-amended). A composition comprising an HBsAg particle and a biologically active molecule either entrapped within the interior of an HBsAg particle or exposed or present at the surface of an HBsAg particle.

Q⁶ 20(Once-amended). The composition of claim 17, further comprising an immunostimulating molecule either entrapped within the interior of said HBsAg particle or exposed or present at the surface of said HBsAg particle.

Q⁷ 23(Once-amended). The composition of claim 21, wherein said immunostimulating molecule is an immunostimulatory oligonucleotide.

Please cancel claims 2 and 12 without prejudice and add new claim 31 in place thereof as follows:

Q⁸ 516 B² --31(New). In a method of stimulating or modulating a CTL response to an antigenic molecule in a mammalian subject comprising administering an effective amount of a composition which comprises an antigenic molecule, an improvement wherein said antigenic molecule is either entrapped within the interior of an HBsAg particle or exposed or present at the surface of an HBsAg particle, said antigenic molecule being a naturally occurring antigenic molecule or an antigenic fragment thereof which is not covalently modified.--